



Meeting Notice for the Governor's Commission on Disabilities Election Assistance Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 22, 2013 @ 2 PM

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Attendees: Rory Carmody (Chairperson); Casey Gartland (Vice Chair.); Regina Connor, Miguel Nunez, Grace Pires, Arthur Plitt, Robert Rapoza, Lorna Ricci, Rob Rock

Guests:

Staff: Bob Cooper, Christopher DeGrave



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2:00 Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Rory Carmody, Committee Chair

Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:00pm
Introductions of Committee Members & Guests



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MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as revised with proper date (1/31/13).

Motion by: C. Gartland

Seconded: R. Rock

Vote Unanimous

Action Items:



2:05 Election Assistance Plan

Purpose/Goal: To discuss, revise and approve the current year plan as presented or revise as necessary; develop a plan for FY 2014-2015.

Discussion: The 2013 - 2014 Operational Plan contained the following, which the Committee can retain, revise, or replace for the FY 2014 & 2015 Ops Plan.

Protecting the Voting Rights of Individuals with Disabilities

The Commission is the state's sole designated recipient of the US Department of Human Services – Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities State Grants.

These funds may only be used for the following activities:

- "Making polling places, including the path of travel, entrances, exits, and voting areas of each polling facility, accessible to individuals with the full range of disabilities;
- Providing the same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy and independence, to individuals with the full range of disabilities as for other voters;
- Training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers on how best to promote the access and participation of individuals with the full range of disabilities in elections for Federal office; and
- Providing individuals with the full range of disabilities with information about the accessibility of polling places."

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Performance Measurement

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Measure Number: 3 Polling Location Surveys

Current Measure: The figures below represent the percentage of polling locations surveyed for potential barriers to citizens with disabilities.

Performance	2011	2012	2013	2014
Actual	100%	11%	100%	--
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%

- Discussion that off-election year data is not conducive to high-performance measurement data collection percentages due to fewer activities in non-election years.
- Committee discussion confirmed that this measure does not in-total reflect all that the Asst. ADA Coordinator does for the Election Access Committee and the definition & measure should be modified as indicated below.

➤ *****Updated measure: The figures below represent the percentage of polling locations used on election day(s) that were identified as barrier-free. *****



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MOTION: To approve the committee operational plan & performance data collection measure as revised.

Motion by: C. Gartland

Seconded: L. Ricci






**VOTE
HERE**

2:45 Election Day Access Signage

Purpose/Goal: To authorize the purchase of day of election polling place accessibility signage.

Discussion: Examination of two products for enhancing the location of the accessible entrance and accessible voting.

- **Totem Pole Signage:** Sturdiness Issue, Durability, High-Cost, True benefit of those w/ Disabilities ***Discussion into other signage options to increase access for those with disabilities & overall visibility
 - **Polling Place Flag:** Good quality, high visibility for polls with limited street signage & entrance issues, **not every poll needs a flag
- Committee discussion of utilizing both RIGCD/ HAVA & Board of Elections funding for future purchases for accessible equipment.
 - Committee discussion of the reimbursement of funds to RI Board of Elections for the 2012 Election Surveys completed by the technicians. BOE to invoice the RIGCD.

 voting check off graphic	<p>MOTION: To <i>approve/reject</i> the purchase of:</p> <p>***Totem Displays (1 side @ \$129 or 2 side @ \$149) (***Rejected pending further review)</p> <p>***Feather Flag Kit (Vote Here ) 12' @ \$242 each plus shipping for a total not to exceed \$12,000.00 (***Approved w/ unanimous vote pending sole source information)</p> <p>***Motion #1 to reimburse the RI Board of Elections for completion of the 2012 Election Technician Surveys (total based on submitted invoice).</p> <p>Motion by: G. Pires Seconded: R. Rock Vote Unanimous</p> <p>***Motion #2 to approve the purchase of fifty (50) Feather Flag Vote Here Accessibility Signs with a total cost (including shipping) not to exceed \$12,000.00. See update invoice as attached.</p> <p>Motion by: L. Ricci Seconded: G. Pires Vote Unanimous</p>
 calendar graphic	<p>2:55 Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting, Rory Carmody, Committee Chair</p> <p>Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polling Place Signage Discussion & Solutions for Accessibility <p>Next meeting will be on: Thursday September 19th at 2 PM.</p>
 alarm clock graphic	<p>3:07 Motion for Adjournment, Rory Carmody, Committee Chair</p>
 voting check off graphic	<p>MOTION: To adjourn at 3:07pm</p> <p>Motion by: R. Rock Seconded: C. Gartland Vote Unanimous</p>